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SUBJECT: ABUSE OF AMERICANS IN PRISON: DIPLOMATIC PROTEST

REF: STATE 219136

1. AS STATED IN MONTERREY 0655, CONOFF DELIVERED FORCEFUL ORAL PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR FULL INVESTIGATION TO SALTILLO PRISON DIRECTOR ON SEPT. 5. ON SEPT. 8 CONSUL GENERAL SENT STRONG LETTER OF PROTEST, REQUESTING COMPLETE INVESTIGATION, TO LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF STATE COAHUILA. COPY THIS LETTER, ALONG WITH COPY OF CONOFF'S REPORT OF VISIT TO SALTILLO PRISON REGARDING THIS MATTER, WERE POUCED TO DEPT AND EMBASSY ON SEPT. 11.

2. WE WOULD MUCH PREFER GIVE LIEUT. GOVERNOR SUFFICIENT TIME RESPOND OUR LETTER OF SEPT. 8 BEFORE MAKING NEW PROTEST BASED ON REFTEL. IF RESPONSE NOT RECEIVED BY OCT. 1, OR IF RESPONSE IS INADEQUATE, WE WOULD REPLY WITH SECOND LETTER ALONG LINES REFTEL. AT THAT POINT, EMBASSY MIGHT ALSO RAISE MATTER AT FEDERAL LEVEL. PROBLEM SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED BY FACT COAHUILA STATE ADMINISTRATION NOTORIOUSLY INEPT AND RIDDLED WITH CRONYISM AND BOTH GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR ARE LAME DUCKS DUE TO RELINQUISH OFFICE ON DEC. 1.

3. DEPT'S CABLE MAKES POINT THAT FULL RECOMPENSE AS

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APPROPRIATE UNDER MEXICAN LAW SHOULD BE PROVIDED HUNT AND

MCCARTHY. WHILE HUNT IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING CIVIL ACTION
AGAINST PRISON AUTHORITIES, WE WONDER WHAT OTHER RECOMPENSE
DEPT MIGHT HAVE IN MIND. GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.
LAMBERT

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